

For these reasons, I am grateful for this opportunity to recognize her accomplishments and to extend our collective gratitude on behalf of all who have—and who will—benefit from her efforts.●

TRIBUTE TO MITCHELL WALDMAN

● Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Mitchell Waldman for his long and exceptional record of service on the occasion of his retirement at the end of the month. Mr. Waldman has served our Nation for more than 42 years in various national security roles across the executive and legislative branches of government and in the private sector, providing counsel to Senators, Secretaries, CNOs, and CEOs.

For the past decade, Mr. Waldman has served as executive vice president of Government and Customer Relations for Huntington Ingalls Industries, America's largest military shipbuilding company. At Huntington Ingalls, Mr. Waldman has been responsible for leading the company's engagements with the legislative branch, the executive branch, business and trade associations, and think tanks. Before this appointment, Mr. Waldman served as vice president for business development of advanced programs and technology for Northrop Grumman's aerospace systems sector.

Before joining Northrop Grumman, Mr. Waldman served as national security advisor to my good friend, former U.S. Senator for Mississippi Trent Lott, as well as a national security consultant in the office of the Senate majority leader. Mr. Waldman has held a number of executive positions for the U.S. Navy, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Ships), Director of Cost Engineering and Industrial Analysis for Naval Sea Systems Command, and Deputy Program Manager for Amphibious Warfare Programs.

Mr. Waldman received a bachelor of science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida and a juris doctor from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. He is also a graduate of Yale University's executive management program and the defense systems management college program managers course. He has been honored with the U.S. Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the State of Mississippi Distinguished Civilian Service Award, and the D.C. City Council of Engineering Societies Architect of the Year award.

Mr. Waldman's contributions also extend to his service on the board of directors for the Shipbuilders Council of America, the National Bureau of Asian Research, the Armed Services YMCA, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, and the Naval War College Foundation. Additionally, he is a member of the external advisory board for the University of Florida's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

I would like to express a heartfelt "thank you" to Mr. Waldman for a career marked by the utmost devotion to our country. I would also like to wish him good luck as he begins a new phase in life; may the new journey be as fulfilling as his career has been. It is with sincere respect and kindest regards that I wish Mitch Waldman, his wife Debbie, and his daughter Emily: "Fair winds and following seas."●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2765. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emamectin benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8671-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1977. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Florasulam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8751-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1978. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8560-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1979. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tol-

erances" (FRL No. 8763-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1980. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defensin Proteins Derived from Spinach in Citrus Plants; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8908-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2757. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out supplemental nutritional assistance programs; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2758. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on stock buybacks of publicly traded corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 2759. A bill to restore honor to certain previously discharged members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 2761. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2762. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants to eligible entities to carry out construction or modernization projects designed to strengthen and increase capacity within the specialized pediatric health care infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 2763. A bill to extend the authorization for the MotorCities National Heritage Area in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. ROMNEY):